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SUBJ: RESIGNATION OF INTI DIRECTOR

1. SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT LUIS J. VASALLO HAS ACCEPTED RESIGNATION OF ING. JORGE LUIS ALBERTONI AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (INTI). ALBERTONI'S RESIGNATION LETTER NOTES A SERIES OF ACTS AND PRESSURE WHICH HAD QUESTIONED THE POLITICAL POSITION OF SOME OF THE INTI COUNSELORS. ALBERTONI CONDITIONED HIS CONTINUED PRESENCE ON A SERIES OF MEASURES WHICH WOULD ACT AS A RATIFICATION OF CONFIDENCE IN HIS LEADERSHIP OF INTI. SEVERAL COUNSELORS OF INTI ALSO RESIGNED.

2. COMMENT: ALBERTONI'S DEPARTURE WAS NOT UNEXPECTED IN VIEW OF HIS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED LEFTIST LEANINGS, WHICH BECAME QUITE OUT OF TUNE WITH ECON MINISTRY ATTITUDES WHEN LEADERSHIP OF THAT MINISTRY CHANGED FROM GELBARD TO GOMEZ MORALES. THE EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT THE NEW INTI LEADERSHIP, WHEN NAMED, WILL SHOW CONSIDERABLY MORE INTEREST IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE US THAN DID ALBERTONI. IT IS ALSO NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT INTI MAY SOON BEGIN TO PLAY A ROLE IN DEVELOPING ARGENTINE POSITIONS FOR THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PART OF THE MFM DELIBERATION, IF AND WHEN THESE ARE RESUMED.

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